

PATENT

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 16, 17, 19, 22, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,006,134 to Hill et al.

In the Office Action, claims 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hill et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,697,677 to Dahl et al.

In the Office Action, claims 18, 24-28, and 31-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hill et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,201,994 to Warman et al.

In the Office Action, claims 29 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hill et al. and Warman et al. and further in view of Dahl et al.

In the Office Action, claims 1-15 are allowed over the prior art of record.

In response thereto, claims 16-33 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-15 are now pending and allowed over the prior art of record.

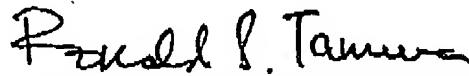
CONCLUSION

In light of the above claim amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice of allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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